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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 13 through 19 as follows:

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--13. A zoom lens comprising, in order from an object side to an image side,
a first lens unit of negative refractive power, located closer to the object side than any lens units of the zoom lens,
an aperture stop,
a second lens unit of positive refractive power, wherein the separation between the first lens unit and the second lens unit is varied during zooming, and the following condition is satisfied:

$$3 \leq NL\ 1 \leq 4$$

$$NL\ 2 \leq NL\ 1$$

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wherein NL1 and NL2 are the numbers of lens elements comprising the first lens unit and the second lens unit respectively.

14. A zoom lens according to Claim 13, wherein the aperture stop moves during the zooming.

15. A zoom lens according to Claim 14, wherein the aperture stop moves unitedly with the second lens unit.

16. A zoom lens according to Claim 13, wherein the first lens unit has two negative lens elements, one of which, having a smaller diameter, has an aspherical surface.

17. A zoom lens according to Claim 13, wherein the second lens unit consists of two lens elements, and has an aspherical surface both on a lens surface closest to the object side and a lens surface closest to the image side.

18. A zoom lens according to Claim 13, wherein the second lens unit consists of one lens element and has an aspherical surface both on a lens surface closest to the object side and a lens surface closest to the image side.

19. A zoom lens according to Claim 13, wherein the second lens unit consists of three lens elements, and has an

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